(c) and (d) At present no such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Proposal for change of site for Nagaland Central University

1267. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have written to the State Government of Nagaland to change the proposed site for Nagaland Central University from Lumami to a new alternative site;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Nagaland Government has agreed to the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Legislation for establishment of a teaching and affiliating Central University at Lumami in Nagaland was enacted in October, 1989. It has not been possible to make the University operational so far because of the severe constraint of resources and the absence of any infrastructure at Lumami. The question of location of Nagaland University was reviewed in consultation with the State Government and a Site Selection Committee has been constituted vide this Department's Order dated 19-4-91 to suggest alternate sites for establishment of the University. The Committee has also been asked to indicate the first phase of investment required for Nagaland University. The Govt. of Nagaland has been requested to nominate their representative on the Committee.

Release of Grant by U.G.C. to North-Eastern Hill University

1268. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a whether it is a fact that the U.G.C. has not released full amounts of grants (non-plan) as approved by the Financial Committee of the North-Eastern Hill University for the years 1986-91;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Central Government will consider the release of the shortfall of arrears in the near future to bail-out North-Eastern Hill University from financial crisis faced by the University in carrying out developmental works?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The development and maintenance grants of Central Universities are met by the Central Government through the University Grants Commission (UGC). The annual Non-plan grants for maintenance of Central Universities, including NEHU, are released by UGC after taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Finance Committees, the availability of resources and other relevant factors. The Commission released non-plan grants amounting to Rs. 4117.20 lakhs to NEHU during 1986-91 as against Rs. 4182.45 lakhs recommended by its Finance Committee.

The development needs of Central Universities including NEHU, are met through plan grants released by UGC after examination of proposals submitted by the Universities during each Five Year Plan period. The Commission sanctioned Rs. 905.26 lakhs to NEHU as plan grants during the VII plan and has so far sanctioned Rs. 253.43 lakhs to the University in the VIII Plan.

The Commission has informed that it is not aware of any special financial difficulties faced by NEHU.